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# Motivic characteristic classes of singular varieties

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1 Preliminary ("motif" = motivation)

A "super" general. of counting points  
of a finite set

$X$  finite

$c(X) = |X|$  the # of elements of  $X$

satisfies

$$(1) X = X' \Rightarrow c(X) = c(X')$$

$$(2) c(X) = c(X \setminus Y) + c(Y) \quad \text{"Scissors" relation}$$

$$(3) c(X \times Y) = c(X) \cdot c(Y)$$

$$(4) c(\text{pt}) = 1$$

Consider the same thing on TOP

Suppose  $\exists c(X) \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{top}}$  such that  $X$  is top space  
"counting"

$$\textcircled{1} \quad X \cong X' \Rightarrow C_{\text{top}}(X) = C_{\text{top}}(X')$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad C_{\text{top}}(X) = C_{\text{top}}(X \setminus Y) + C_{\text{top}}(Y), \quad Y \subset X$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad C_{\text{top}}(X \times Y) = C_{\text{top}}(X) C_{\text{top}}(Y)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad C_{\text{top}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = 1$$

Observation: If such a  $C_{\text{top}}$  exists, then

$$C_{\text{top}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = -1 \quad (\text{use } \textcircled{3})$$

$$\text{Therefore } C_{\text{top}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = (-1)^n$$

Therefore for a finite CW-complex

$$C_{\text{top}}(X) = \chi(X) \quad \text{Euler char of } X$$

To show the existence of  $C_{\text{top}} = \chi$  (with comp. supp.)

we use ordinary homology theory

Consider the sum Carl counting on  $\mathbb{C}P^1$   
 complex algebra varieties

$$(1) X \cong X' \Rightarrow \text{Calp}(X) = \text{Calp}(X')$$

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$$(2) \text{Calp}(X) = \text{Calp}(X \setminus Y) + \text{Calp}(Y), \quad Y \subset X$$

closed subvariety

$$(3) \text{Calp}(X \times Y) = \text{Calp}(X) \cdot \text{Calp}(Y)$$

$$(4) \text{Calp}(\mathbb{P}^1) = 1$$

Suppose  $\int \text{Calp}$   
 Let  $\text{Calp } Y = -\text{Calp}(\mathbb{C}^1)$  then  $\text{Calp}(\mathbb{C}^n) = (Y)^n$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Calp}(\mathbb{P}^n) &= 1 + \text{Calp}(\mathbb{C}^1) + \dots + \text{Calp}(\mathbb{C}^n) \\ &= 1 + (-Y) + Y^2 + \dots + (-Y)^n \end{aligned}$$

In fact, using Mixed Hodge Structure

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } u, v = -Y, \text{ then } E(X, -u, -v) &\cong X_{u,v}(X) \\ &= \sum (-1)^i (-1)^{p+q} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (G_F^p G_{p+q}^w (H_c^i(X, \mathbb{C}) \otimes u^p v^q)) \end{aligned}$$

"cobordism" counting

$$c_{\text{cob}}(X) \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad X \underset{\text{cobord. equiv.}}{\cong} X' \Rightarrow c_{\text{cob}}(X) = c_{\text{cob}}(X')$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad c_{\text{cob}}(X \sqcup Y) = c_{\text{cob}}(X) + c_{\text{cob}}(Y)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad c_{\text{cob}}(X \times Y) = c_{\text{cob}}(X) c_{\text{cob}}(Y)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad c_{\text{cob}}(\text{pt}) = 1$$

2. homom. char. classes

Let  $dV$  be the free abelian group generated by isom. cl. of varieties

$$X_{u,v} : \text{Iso}(dV) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[u, v]$$

$$\downarrow \text{v}$$

$$[X] \longrightarrow X_{u,v}(X), \text{ extend lin. homom.}$$

on the subgroup generated by

$$S \longrightarrow [X] - [Y] - [X \times Y]$$

$$X_{u,v}(S) = 0 \quad \text{these are char. cons. to } X_{u,v}$$

$$X_{u,v} \quad \text{Iso}(U^{\otimes r}) / S \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}(u,v)$$

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$K_0(\text{Var})$  the Grothendieck ring of varieties

Want: Can we get  $\mathbb{Z}$  (number)

$$\mathbb{Z} : \mathbb{Z}(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}_X(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(u,v)$$

nat. transf.

covariant functor

transf.

s.t. for  $X = \text{pt}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}(\text{pt}) = K_0(\text{Var})$

$$X_{u,v} = \mathbb{Z}_{(\text{pt})} \mathbb{Z}(\text{pt}) = K_0(\text{Var}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}(u,v)$$

One answer for  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the relative Grothendieck group  $\text{Var}$

$K_G(\text{Var}/X)$  is the free abelian group gen by iso. classes of

$$Y \longrightarrow X$$

modulo the subgroup generated by the following form

$$[Y \xrightarrow{h} X] - [Z \xrightarrow{h/2} X] - [Y \xrightarrow{h/2} Z \xrightarrow{h/2} X]$$

$\mathbb{Z}(u, v)$   
closed

So  $K_0(\text{Var}/pt) = K_0(\text{Var})$

$K_0(\text{Var}/X)$  is covariantly functorial

$$f: X \rightarrow X'$$

$$f_*: K_0(\text{Var}/X) \rightarrow K_0(\text{Var}/X')$$

$$[Y \xrightarrow{h} X] \mapsto [Y \xrightarrow{f \circ h} X']$$

Theorem: If  $\exists$  natural transformation on

$$T: K_0(\text{Var}/X) \rightarrow H_*(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(u, v)$$

s.t.

(1)

$$T([0 \rightarrow pt]_{K_0(\text{Var})}) = \chi_{u, v}(pt) = 1 + uv + (uv)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \gamma + (\gamma)^2 + \dots$$

$(uv = -\gamma)$

(2) for  $X$  smooth

$$T([X \xrightarrow{id_X} X]) = d(TX \cap [X])$$

has a certain multiple class of variables

Then

(1) in  $uv = -y$ , we must  $u = y, v = -1$

(2)  $d[-y] = dy$ , the generalization to  $d$  of the Todd class

$$e_{d_Y}(E) = \prod_{i=1}^{\text{rank } E} \left( \frac{d_i(1+y)}{1 - e^{-d_i(1+y)} - d_i y} \right)$$

$d_i$  Chern roots

$y=1 \rightarrow C$   
 $y=0 \rightarrow d$   
 $y=1 \rightarrow L$

(3) Such a transformation is unique

namely, there exists a unique natural transformation

natural class

$$T_{d_Y, \alpha}: K_0(\text{var}/X) \rightarrow H_Y(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[y]$$

s.t. for  $X$  nonsingular

$$T_{d_Y, \alpha}([X \xrightarrow{id_X} X]) = T_{d_Y}(TX) \cap [X]$$

(4)

$$X = p^* Y$$

$$t_{d_Y X}^* : K_0(\text{Var}(Y)) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[Y] \text{ is}$$

equal to the  $\chi_Y$ -genus homomorphism

$$\chi_Y(X) = \sum (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (G_{n, F}^p H_c^i(X, \mathbb{C})) (-Y)^p$$

↑  
Hodge structure on

if not konst.

$$\uparrow_{\text{mixed}} K_0(\text{Var}(X)) \rightarrow K_0(\text{MHM}(X)) \rightarrow G_0(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[Y]$$

S.I.  $X$  smooth

↑  
mixed Hodge module

$$\uparrow_{\text{mot}} ([X \rightarrow X]) = \chi_Y(\Omega_X) = \sum [\Omega_X^p] Y^p$$

$$\stackrel{\text{BFM}}{d}_X : G_0(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[Y] \rightarrow H_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[Y, (1+Y)^{-1}]$$

main part

$$t_{d_X}^{\text{BFM}} = \sum \frac{1}{(1+Y)^i} (t_{d_X}^{\text{BFM}})_i$$

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$$t_{d_X}^{\text{BFM}} : G_0(X) \rightarrow H_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$$

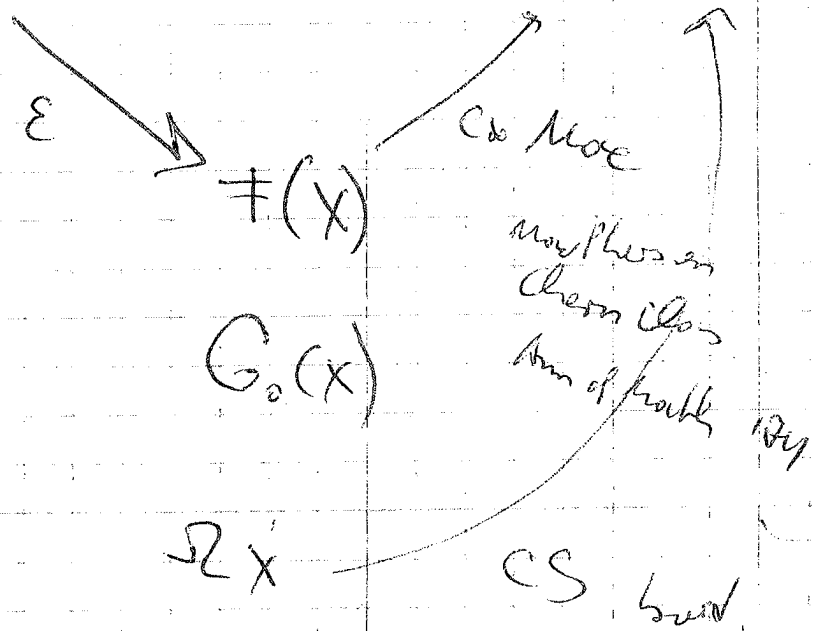


s.t. for  $X$  smooth

$$L_{d_x}^{RFM} (\partial_x) = \partial(x) \eta(x)$$

$$x = -1$$

$$K_0(\text{Var}/X) \xrightarrow{L_{d_x}^{RFM}} H_X(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$$



One conjecture

Any natural transform

$$T: K_0(\text{Var}/X) \rightarrow H_X(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \text{ [24]}$$

is a lin. comb. of

$$T = \sum_{i \geq 0} r_i (\partial_{d_x}^i)$$

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$$T: F(X) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$$

is a lin. comb.

$$T = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} T_i \left( C_{2i}^{\text{mac}} \right)$$

id-map

$$T_{\text{ev}}(X) := T_{\text{ev}}$$

$$T_{\text{ev}}(X) = C^{\text{mac}}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$$

Hodge-odd  $T_{\text{od}}(X) \neq T^{\text{BFM}}(X)$

Hodge-odd  $T_{\text{od}}(X) \neq L^{\text{GM}}(X)$